

The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin
Commissioner

January 12, 2005

Thomas A. Carrier
Water/Wastewater Superintendent
Town of Derry
14 Manning Street
Derry, New Hampshire 03038

NOTICE OF PAST VIOLATION

Re: October 22, 2004 Sanitary Sewer Overflow and
December 13, 2004 Unchlorinated Discharge
Derry WWTF - NPDES Permit No. NH0100056

Dear Mr. Carrier:

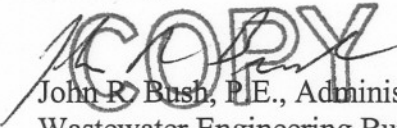
The Department of Environmental Services (DES) has received your correspondence dated October 29, 2004 regarding the October 22, 2004 sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) of approximately 300 gallons of untreated sewage at Linlew Drive, and your correspondence dated December 17, 2004 regarding the December 13, 2004 discharge of 720,000 gallons of unchlorinated wastewater from the Derry wastewater treatment facility (WWTF). DES has the following comments on the two unpermitted discharges.

With regard to the SSO event, according to your letter, the sewer in the area of Linlew Drive is prone to blockage due to grease from the apartment complex to which it provides service. Your letter also states that Derry has an aggressive collection system maintenance program. DES expects that your collection system maintenance program will address such SSO events such that they do not recur.

With regard to the discharge of unchlorinated wastewater from the WWTF, DES notes that a similar event occurred in July of 2002 with the discharge of an estimated 266,880 gallons of unchlorinated wastewater from the WWTF. In both events of discharge of unchlorinated wastewater, the issues seemed to be maintenance related. Again DES expects that you will prevent these kind of events from happening through the programs you have in place (with modifications, as necessary).

Through this notice of past violation DES is documenting that the violations occurred and were addressed by the Town of Derry. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Stergios Spanos at (603) 271-6637.

Sincerely,


John R. Bush, P.E., Administrator
Wastewater Engineering Bureau

cc: Joy Hilton – USEPA; Gretchen Hamel – DES
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